IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/511,967

Filing Date: October 20, 2004

Applicant: Alistair Royse et al.

Confirmation No.: 8471

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Cris Loiren Rodriguez

Title: Retractor

Attorney Docket: 3029-000083/NP

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>September 23, 2008</u>, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below. Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.